**ENGLISH** LANGUAGE ARTS **TEAM OFFICE OF CURRICULUM** AND STANDARDS **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** 

## Coming Events:

- ELA Fall Update September 12, 2005— **CANCELLED**
- ELA Support Documents Professional Development September 13, 2005— CANCELLED
- ELA Best Practice Seminar Series, All grades Cathy Toll **Embassy Suites** September 23, 2005
- WIN Conference Palmetto Expo Center Greenville October 6-7, 2005

For information about these programs, please refer to the articles in this issue of Literacy Links. This issue and past issues of Literacy Links can be found on the State Department's web page at www.myscschools.com.

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# Literacy Links

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# **Limits on Non Essential Travel Cancel Sessions**

The following is an excerpt from an e-mail from ber 13, has also been cancelled. Inez regarding state travel.

"We have received a request from the State Budget and Control Board asking all state employees to limit any work-related travel for purposes that are not 'absolutely essential' over the next few weeks. Governor Sanford has requested that all agencies take whatever measures are necessary to conserve fuel. This applies to both the use of official state vehicles and personal cars for trips subject to reimbursement."

cancelled. In addition, the ELA Standards Support cjones@sde.state.sc.us or 803-734-0790. Document sessions scheduled for Tuesday, Septem-

District coordinators will receive an e-mail with an "annotated agenda" listing the items that were to be discussed. Contact information will be included.

For those school and district teams planning to attend the September 13 session, it will be necessary to re-register for one of the remaining fall sessions. The dates for the remaining sessions are November 17 or December 7. A registration form for those sessions is included with this newsletter.

In order to adhere to these requests, the ELA Up- Should you have questions regarding session date scheduled for Monday, September 12, has been cancellations, please contact Cathy Jones at

## Sessions Offered to Support ELA Standards

In order to continue to support Professional development on the Also, schools with an absolute the effective implementation and use of these support documents rating of unsatisfactory or understanding of the English lan- will be provided for school teams below average by the Office of guage arts (ELA) standards, the beginning this fall with a follow-up ELA team at the State Department session during the spring of 2006. of Education (SDE), in collaboration with other teams and offices It is strongly encouraged that specialists through the Office at the SDE and state educators, schools form a team structure of School Quality. has developed documents to sup- consisting of an administrator, a port the ELA standards.

each of the grade bands (preK grade 2, grades three - five, grades 4); additional resources including session with any school team. professional resources (labeled Best Practice Resources on the You do not need to register If you have questions regard-Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

default.cfm.

teacher representing each grade The registration form included in band, and a media specialist or These support documents include special educator. School teams support documents for each of the may choose a fall date and a spring four strands of the standards date they wish to attend, but the (reading, writing, communication, team should attend the sessions and research); unit modules for together. It will be the school team's responsibility to share the information at the school level.

offices/cso/standards/ela/ or SC READS. These groups tact Judy Redman will have separate sessions.

School Quality do not need to register. A session will be held for these schools and related

this newsletter lists the dates and locations for these professional development sessions. Please note that sessions scheduled for the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center will be relocated. Location information will be in the October Literacy Links. Each sessix - eight, and English I - English District office staff may attend any sion will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

website); and a document that for these sessions if your ing the support documents or connects the ELA standards to the school is involved in the South the accompanying profes-Carolina Reading Initiative sional development, contact (SCRI K-5 Phases I, 2, and 3; Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 The link to the documents is SCRI-MG Phases I and 2; and or cjones@sde.state.sc.us. For http://www.myscschools.com/ SCRI-HS), SC Reading First, registration questions, conjredman@comporium.net.

## **ELA Best Practice Seminars Start New School Year**

tices in the area of English language arts Please note that you may register for sev- jredman@comporium.net. If you (ELA) will again be offered during the eral sessions on one registration form. 2005-2006 school year to South Carolina K-12 educators by the ELA Team in the Special Note: Several sessions have Jones at cjones@sde.state.sc.us or Office of Curriculum and Standards and been added since the August issue of 803-734-0790. the South Carolina International Reading Literacy Links. Those sessions are Association (SCIRA).

A chart indicating the session dates, loca- additions and changes. tions, registration deadlines, and topics is included in this newsletter. A registration If you have questions regarding your mation.

A series of seminars highlighting best prac- form and instructions are also included. registration, contact Judy Redman at

bolded on the chart for your conven- In the event of inclimate weather in ience. Please make a note of these the Columbia area, please call 803-

have questions about the topics, or the presenters, please contact Cathy

734-0790 after 6:00 p.m. the day prior to the session for cancellation infor-

Date	Presenter	Audience	Торіс	Location
September 23, 2005	Cathy Toll	All	Coaching and Reflective Practice	Embassy Suites
October 11, 2005	Patrick Allen	Elementary	Conferring through Reading/ Writing Workshop	Columbia Conference Center
October 20, 2005	Cris Tovani	Middle/High	Content Area Literacy	Radisson Hotel and Convention Center
November I, 2005	Frank Baker	Middle/High	Beginning To Integrate Viewing Into the ELA Classroom	Embassy Suites
November 4, 2005	Frank Baker	Elementary	Beginning To Integrate Viewing Into the ELA Classroom	Leaside
December 8, 2005	Nancy Akhavan	Elementary	How To Align Literacy Instruction, Assessment, and Standards	ТВА
January 12, 2006	Ellin Keene	All	The Intricacies of the Mind: Teaching Reading Comprehension	Columbia Conference Center
January 20, 2006	Mike Ford	Elementary	Where Have All the Bluebirds Gone? Flexible Grouping	Columbia Conference Center
February 2, 2006	Barry Lane	Middle/High	Voice Lessons in Non-Fiction Writing	Columbia Conference Center
February 14, 2006	Bruce Morgan	Elementary/ Middle	Writing Through the 'Tween Years	Columbia Conference Center
March 2, 2006	Chryse Hutchins	Elementary	Seven Keys to Comprehension	Seawell's
March 6, 2006	Jim Trelease	All	Reading Aloud	Columbia Conference Center
March 20, 2006	Lester Laminack	All	Children's Literature	Columbia Conference Center
March 21, 2006	Lester Laminack	Elementary/ Middle	Writing Workshop and Author's Craft	Columbia Conference Center
April 4, 2006	Barbara King- Shaver	Middle/High	When Text Meets Text—Helping High School Readers Make Connections in Literature	Columbia Conference Center

#### **Link for Assessment Bridge Document**

Recently there have been questions about the link to the Assessment Bridge Document.

The only credible and approved for release version of the Bridge Document is at this link: www.myscschools/offices/assessment/PACT/Links/BridgeDocumentGrades3-8.

# From the Mountains to the Sea: State Conferences Meet a Variety of Needs for Teachers

#### **WIN's Fall Writing Conference**

If you haven't already, make plans now to attend the Writing Improvement Networks' annual Fall Writing Conference to be held at the Palmetto Expo Center in Greenville on October 6-7, 2005. The Language Arts Conference at Clafflin The conference, SCCTE at the Beach: Retheme this year is Writing is the Key: University Contents and All Grades.

Wednesday, October 5, to enjoy one of two pre-conference sessions. Both of these sessions will be held 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Kwame Dawes will open the conference Conference proposals are due by Participants may select Dr. Ron Rash or with a workshop on teaching poetry. Po-Kerry Madden's session. Dr. Rash's topic is etry readings will be in the afternoon, and downloaded from www.sccte.org. Finding the Universal in the Particular, a South- a dinner theater will be offered in the eveern Writer's Defense of Regional Literature. ning. Concurrent conference sessions are For more information, contact Re-Kerry Madden will present Everyone is a scheduled for November 4. Storyteller. So How to Capture a Story: Hint? The Outline Comes Later....

keynote address. There will be concurrent Literacy: What Readers and Writers Need. sessions on Thursday and a special luncheon with Kerry Madden.

On Friday, Shelley Harwayne, internationwill do the honors. Poet Sara Holbrook middle of September. will present at the Friday luncheon. From performance poetry to addressing stan- Featured speakers for this conference are dards across the curriculum, Holbrook's work is both entertaining and inspiring.

Pre-conference registration is \$30, and Contact Pam Huxford at 803-734days.

For more information, you may SCCTE at The Beach download the conference brochure This year's SC Council of Teachers of Engdirectly from the WIN web page at lish annual conference is January 26-28, www.winsc.org or call 803-777-0340.

Language at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC, will host a two-day conference You may want to arrive a day early on on language, literature, and pedagogy November 3-4, 2005.

#### South Carolina Literacy Conference

The South Carolina Literacy Conference After the Exemplary Writing Awards will be held at Charleston Place Hotel in SCIRA 2006 Conference Thursday morning, Jan Cheripko, author of Charleston, South Carolina, December 12-Rat and Imitate the Tiger, will present the 13, 2005. This year's theme is Inquiry into Knowledge through the Pages of a Book, will

This conference is sponsored by South Carolina Reading Initiative, and South ally recognized consultant and author of Carolina Reading First. Conference regis-Lifetime Guarantees and Lasting Impressions, tration information will be available the

> Ralph Fletcher, Cris Tovani, Tim Rasinski, and Peter Johnston.

conference registration is \$150 for the two 8825 or phuxford@sde.state.sc.us if you have questions.

2006, at Kiawah Island Resort .

flecting on Our Practice, brings authors such Unlocking Doors to Student Success in All The Department of English and Foreign as Lester Laminack, Cassandra King, and Mary Alice Monroe, to South Carolina's shore. Newly elected NCTE Vice President Kathleen Yancey will also make a keynote presentation.

September 15, 2005 and can be

becca Kaminski, SCCTE Conference Director, at 864-250-6712 or krebecc@clemson.edu.

The 31st annual SCIRA conference, Chasing be held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center February 16-18, 2006.

Carolina Reading Recovery, the South For more information, visit www.scira.org for registration infor-

#### **SCMSA 2006 Conference**

The SC Middle School Association's annual conference for 2006 will be March 3-5, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

For more information, visit www.scmsa.org.

Don't Forget to Join the Local **Affiliates of** the National **Organizations** 

Membership in the South Caro- membership.html.

International Reading Associa- lina International Reading Assotion (IRA) and the National ciation (SCIRA) allows its mem- South Carolina Council of Council of Teachers of English bers to attend the annual con- Teachers of Reading (SCCTE) is (NCTE) are national organiza- ference each year, plus oppor- the local affiliate of NCTE. For tions that provide lots support tunities for awards, grants, and a yearly membership of \$20, to teachers and administrators. scholarships in addition to SCCTE offers quarterly news-Membership the state affiliates newsletters and The Young letters, yearly professional pubof these national organizations Writers' Conference. You get lications, and reduced conferprovides information and op- all of this for only \$10 a year. ence rates for its members. Go portunities relevant to our For membership informa- to http://www.sccte.org/ www.scira.org/html/ ship information.

tion, go to http:// member.htm for member-

## **English 1 Sessions Revisit Curriculum Resources**

unveiling institutes.

to South Carolina to lead these sessions.

The first session will present the last module, a humor module, of the English I curriculum resource. This session will be If you missed initial training for English I

State Department of Education is offering November 21, 2005. The remaining three institute will be created this year. The four follow up sessions for the English I sessions for English I teachers will re-visit new institute is for both English I and curriculum resource. These sessions are the existing seven modules. These ses- English 2 teachers and will be held June 5open only to those teachers who have sions will be in January, March, and April 8, 2006, at Brookland-Cayce High School. attended one of the original English I of 2006. A registration form with dates and times is attached to this newsletter.

remaining five modules can be created.

This school year, the ELA team at the held at Columbia Conference Center on or the institute in June for English 2, a new

For information about either of these resources, contact Allison As in the past, Dr. Janet Allen will return Because only three modules of the English Norwood at 803-734-2469 or anor-2 resource have been developed, there wood@sde.state.sc.us. For registrawill be no follow up this year so that the tion information, contact Judy d m @jredman@comporium.net.

## **WIN Continues Growing**

#### Marci Ellerbe is WIN Teacher Consultant

Entering her twelfth year as an educator in South Carolina, • Marcie Ellerbe joins the Writing Improvement Network with a wide range of educational experience. She has taught middle school special education, fourth grade, and most recently, • served as an elementary curriculum specialist for Horry County Schools. In addition, Marcie is a co-director of the Coastal Area Writing Project and an adjunct instructor for Coastal Carolina University. Marcie is a Nationally Board Certified educator and is currently working on her doctorate in the area of literacy and language from the University of South Carolina.

Since first participating in the Coastal Area Writing Project in 1998, Marcie has been on a continuous journey to grow as a writer and a teacher of writing by sharing her passion with fellow educators. She has worked to further the development of authentic writing workshops in schools by presenting at local and state-wide conferences, providing district-wide professional development, mentoring teachers through school-wide coaching and modeling as well as facilitating on-site courses for schools working to collaboratively build and sustain reading and writing workshops for their students.

Marcie lives with her husband and two furry friends in Myrtle Beach. Whether she is spending a few hours relaxing on the beach, watching butterflies dance through a garden, or floating down the Chattooga River in a red canoe, Marcie fills her heart with family and friends, for this is where her stories take root.

If you are interested in having Marcie work with your staff to explore the intricacies of writing workshop, please contact her through the WIN office at 803-777-0430 or by e-mail at mknox@se.hcs.kl2.sc.us.

#### **Exemplary Writing Program**

The Writing Improvement Network, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, would like to invite all public schools to consider taking their faculty on a journey to explore best practice in writing instruction by becoming involved with the Exemplary Writing program.

The purpose of the Exemplary Writing Program is threefold:

to identify and give public recognition to outstanding writ-

- ing programs in public schools across the state,
- to make available a framework of essential criteria for an effective writing program that serves as a basis for selfassessment, and
- to facilitate planning in schools by sharing and best practice among schools based on a common understanding of criteria related to success in teaching students to be effective writers.

Exemplary Writing Workshops are being planned for September and October 2005. Teachers and administrators from any public elementary, middle, or high school, as well as those educators from child development centers may apply for the Exemplary Writing Program this year and should plan to attend one of these workshops. Teachers and administrators who want more information about the program, but who do not plan to apply this year, are also encouraged to attend. The workshops will provide an overview of the Exemplary Writing Program along with pertinent information concerning the application process. Dates and locations will be announced as soon as they are con-

To review the Exemplary Writing Program criteria and application, or to register for one of the workshops, visit the Writing Improvement Network's website at www.winsc.org.

#### WIN ListServ

Part of Ellen James', Director of WIN, vision is to provide an online forum for educators who are interested in writing instruction and assessment. To accomplish this goal, she has created a ListServ.

Through the ListServ, WIN will be able to disseminate information, such as conference or workshop updates more efficiently and economically. Ellen also envisions the ListServ as a site where educators can ask questions, propose solutions, and share ideas. She sees it as a wonderful way to network and interact electronically.

To subscribe to the WIN ListServ, use the following http://listserv.sc.edu/archives/winsc-l.html. Subscribers can send messages and join discussions by send-

## **Integrating Viewing into the ELA Classroom**

By Frank Baker Media Educator

#### **Best Practice Workshops**

On November I (secondary) and November 4 (elementary), Frank Baker will be conducting two best practice workshops for ELA teachers on the Viewing standards in the Communication strand of the Please also note that we have a free cur- Catalog Available classroom. Hand-on activities will be in-sources cluded and he will share valuable re- www.projectlooksharp.org. sources.

to this newsletter.

## ference and Curriculum

Integrating Critical Thinking and Media new film study curriculum called The Story This website was recently included in the Production across the K-12 Curriculum" conference will be held October 14-15, wide educational project designed by The Teachers." 2005, at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New Film Foundation (created by director Mar-York. The conference features over fifteen workshops, including hands-on-media classic cinema and the social and cultural fbaker1346@aol.com or 803-254training, a resource room, video show- significance of the film. The curriculum will 0508 if you need more information case, nationally-known keynote speaker, help students think contextually about the or resources about integrating meand student media showcase. Visit our role of film and expression in American dia literacy into your classroom. website for complete information on fees, culture-encouraging creativity and criti-

and highlights.

Registration fees are eligible for Go to http://www.vpw.com/partner/ state aid through TST-BOCES movies (register on line at http://www.storyofmovies.org for details. www.tstboces.org).

ELA standards. During these workshops, riculum kit, Media Construction of the Mid- Once again, teachers can request a com-Frank will help teachers integrate photo- dle East, available on our website, along graphs, ads, video, film, and more into the with many other resources. These recan Ьe found

Registration information is attached Look Sharp at 607-274-3471 or e- http://gpn.unl.edu/cml. mail at looksharp@ithaca.edu.

#### Project Look Sharp Announces Con- New Middle School Film Resource This is a reminder that you can find thou-**Now Available**

registration, accommodations, presenters, cal thinking in today's multi-cultural student population.

# Free Center for Media Literacy

plimentary copy of the Center for Media Literacy's resource catalog. Simply send a at self-addressed, pre-stamped envelope (8 1/2 x 11) to Frank Baker, 1400 Pickens Street, 5th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. For questions, please call Project Or you can download the catalog at

#### **Media Literacy Clearinghouse**

sands of ideas, resources, activities, and The third annual "Literacy in a Media Age: Middle schools around the US can order a lesson plans at http://medialit.med.sc.edu. of Movies. The Story of Movies is a nation-text "101 Best Web Sites for Secondary

tin Scorsese) to expose young people to You can contact Frank Baker at

## Matching Book Grants Help Build Classroom Libraries

#### **Literacy Empowerment Foundation**

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF) has increased the able at http://www.lefbooks.org. size of the matching grants available to \$8,000 per school. A school can now order \$16,000 worth of books and pay only Wilbooks \$8,000. Any amount purchased from \$100 to \$8,000 will be Wilbooks makes available to Title I schools all of its books matched.

The Matching Book Grant Program offers Guided Reading and Independent Reading Collections. Guided Reading Collections consist of six copies each of eighteen titles. Independent reading Collections consist of one copy each of 108 titles. With each set of Guided Reading and/or Independent Reading Collections purchased at the regular price, an additional set of books will be included.

The LEF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. LEF currently supplies books to over 15,000 schools. The number of books available in the Matching Book Grant Program has increased dramatically. Matching Book Grants allow your school to double its purchasing power. This is a limited time offer that requires no special screening or application.

Orders must be received by September 30, 2005. Infor-

mation and a matching book grant order form are avail-

through a special program. Wilbooks will donate one free book for each book you buy at the normal price. Title I schools that order a minimum of 100 books at the regular price may select an equal quantity of books that Wilbooks will donate to their

Many children in the United States today need to become more proficient in their native language to increase their abilities to master English. Bruce Larkin hopes that by making literature available in Spanish, families can work together to guarantee that every child has a fair chance to live the American dream. The books on this special order form are free. You only pay forty-five cents per book to cover shipping, handling, and administrative

For order forms and more information about the programs offered by Wilbooks, go to www.wilbooks.com.

## **Organizations Enlist Student Writers**

#### **South Carolina Young Writers'** Conference

The South Carolina Young Writers' Conference will be held Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Ballentine Elementary School.

The conference is sponsored by the South Carolina State Council of the International Reading Association, the South Carolina Council of Teachers of English, the South Carolina Association of School Librarians, the South Carolina Arts Commission, the Students must submit a short answer to South Carolina State Department of Education, the South Carolina Writing Project, and the South Carolina Middle School Association.

during the conference. Some of this year's scholarhips.htm. authors include Anthony D. Fredericks, Will Hobbs, Carole Boston Weatherford, Submissions should not exceed 1000 high school student groups each follow son their own schedules during the day. Each ship@ackinson.com. group will have an individual session with the authors to talk about books the au- For more information, visit http:// University of South Carolina thors have written and the craft of writing.

lina is invited to send students to partici- Young Poets Prize pate. The number of students eligible to Split P Soup: Poetry for the Community sions, nor can we accept them on a disk. the student enrollment of the district. Approximately 400 students attend the yearly conference.

If you have questions about the conference or would like to volunteer to The South Carolina Young Poets Prize is 803-777-2374.

help at the conference, contact Caro- open to all South Carolina residents aged age@sde.state.sc.us or 803-734-4770.

#### Ackinson Consulting Scholarship

Ackinson Consulting is offering a \$1750 scholarship to all students who will enter a post-secondary institution in 2005 or 2006. The scholarship will be awarded Novem-

the questions, "Where do you see yourself five years after attaining your desired postsecondary education?" The scholarship question will change periodically to help differentiate potential candidates. To view Students have the opportunity to hear and the changes to the question, visit the webwork with at least two professional writers site at http://www.ackinson.com/

and Sam Swope. Elementary, middle, and words. E-mail your submissions to Ackin- The SC Poetry Initiative Consulting at scholar-

www.ackinson.com/scholarhips.htm.

attend from each district is determined by and The South Carolina Poetry Initiative announces The South Carolina Young Poets Prize for the best group of poems written by teens. Winners receive cash and prizes. The deadline is October 31, 2005.

line Savage at csav-14-19. All participants will be invited to attend the first ever South Carolina Young Poets Conference on November 19, 2005. The top thirty winners will be published in an anthology (with SC Young Poets Finalists of 2004) to be circulated statewide. The top five winners will receive cash and prizes. Of the top five winners, a grand prize winner will receive an additional cash

> To participate, submit three to five original, unpublished poems, the entry fee, and entry form (located at www.splitp.org) by October 31, 2005. The poet's name should not appear anywhere on the poems. All poems must be typed.

> Mail poems, entry form, and the entry fee to the following address.

Dr. Kwame Dawes The South Carolina Young Poets Prize Department of English Columbia, SC 29208

Each public school district in South Caro- Split P Soup Organizes 2nd SC Due to the high volumes of submissions, we cannot accept electronic mail submis-

> Poets, teachers, and parents are encouraged to visit the Split P Soup website at www.splitp.org for additional information, or contact Split P Soup at splitp@gwm.sc.edu. or call at

## **International** Education **Summit 2005 Presents Best Practices**

The International Education national education, we suggest Initiative in the Office of Cur- that, in addition to yourself or riculum and Standards at the your designee, you send per-State Department of Education sons representing curriculum, fee is \$20 per attendee. will host the Best Practices in International Baccalaureate International Education Summit programs, principals, and teach- Contact Melissa Pearson 2005, on October 6, 2005, at ers of fine arts, social studies, for more information at the Columbia Conference Cen- English language arts, math, 803-734-6771 or mpear-

We encourage you to mark this date on your calendar. The Teachers are invited to present and more.

To ensure district-wide recognition for the necessity of interscience, and career and tech- son@sde.state.sc.us. nology.

conference will address ele- best practices in international ments of an international pro- education. Presentations should gram, active curriculum in a be fifteen to thirty minutes state with high-stakes testing, long. Please contact the International Education Initiative in the Office of Curriculum and Standards so that you may be placed on the agenda.

> Registration will close September 23, 2005. The registration

*If my doctor* told me I had only six minutes to live. I wouldn't brood. I'd type a little faster.

Isaac Asimov

## **New Eighth Grade Program Uses SC Themes**

Higher Education, with assis- resources, when needed. tance from the SC MAPS and SC LIFE Project Offices at Complete sets of the materials South Carolina Studies activities throughout the state. A variety Clemson University and mathe- which accompany these lessons in language arts are designed to of customized sessions can be matics educators in Clemson's are provided to pilot schools; reference South Carolina peo- scheduled. From workshops School of Education, this pro- others must purchase these ple and places that are generally held at your school to graduate ject aims to provide eighth materials separately. grade teachers with curriculum materials that highlight the in- South Carolina Studies uses acterdependence of the human tivities from the award winning Statewide Overview Unit uses tions, or by traveling throughand natural history of their own SC MAPS curriculum supple- excerpts from a primary source out the state, the opportunities state by using a series of local ment as the framework for document (George Washing- for SC MAPS training abound. case studies that tend to gener- many of its thematic lessons. ton's Diary) to provide inforate high student interest. The SC MAPS has been in wide use mation on the President's tour Upcoming events, workshops, program is currently in its sec- in many of the state's school though South Carolina in 1791. and graduate courses are ond year of pilot testing and districts since 1989. Originally Students learn about the writ- posted at the SC MAPS website will be available for use designed to teach the skills of ing style of the President and as are images of all available with the 2006-2007 academic logic history of the state, the chanics of keeping a journal.

six thematic units that are de-targeting all middle school look at personal recollections signed to be team-taught across grades. the four major disciplines: science, social studies, English South Carolina Studies lessons within our state, and an empha- South Carolina Studies in the language arts, and mathematics. also reference other well sis on story components and Eighth Grade Program, Math lessons are available for known programs and agencies how to make a story interest- please contact the SC both Algebra I and Pre- important to our state such as ing. Algebra.

Carolina Academic Standards. Alliance.

ies Program approaches eighth lesson objectives, standards program need to have some ence to the Coastal Plain regrade standards in all disciplines correlations, prior skill require- experience or training using the gion, and pirates and piracy from the perspective of inter- ments, suggested background SC MAPS cartographic prod- along the South Carolina coast. disciplinary South Carolina references, a materials list, and ucts and/or equivalent experithemes, examples, and case a lesson outline), a student ence or training in similar geo- The SC MAPS Program, now studies. Funded by the South worksheet, a teacher answer graphic based professional de- housed at Clemson University, Carolina Commission on key, and additional background velopment projects that target provides many standards-based,

program was expanded in 1993 South Carolina Studies features interdisciplinary curriculum the Statewide Overview unit www.clemson.edu/scmaps.

Discover Carolina (SC State

A typical lesson consists of a Teachers wishing to participate growth in the Midlands, mining

The new South Carolina Stud- summary sheet (containing in the South Carolina Studies and mineral resources in refer-South Carolina.

of the 1886 Charleston earth- For more information

Each unit consists of five days (SC Forestry Commission) SC arts aspects of the folklore and by worth of lessons in each sub- MAPS, SC LIFE, the South folk art of Native American and scmaps@clemson.edu. ject, and each lesson is corre- Carolina Geological Survey, and other cultures in the upstate, lated to the appropriate South the South Carolina Geographic battlefields and canals in the Piedmont, mill villages and city

professional development opportunities for teachers encountered in science or so- courses that can be taken eicial studies classes. For exam- ther in distance learning format, ple, one of the lessons in the on-site at your preferred loca-

throughout the state beginning relating geography to the geo- about the usefulness and me- map products and the full contents of the SC MAPS Teaching Manual. The website address into a stand-alone, hands-on, Other language arts lessons in for all information is http://

> quake, the naming of localities about SC MAPS or the MAPS project Office at Clemson University by Parks), Project Learning Tree Other units explore language phone at 864-656-4579 or e-mail

## **Grants Available for Teachers and Districts**

#### **Donors Choose Network**

participation in the DonorsChoose net- ers.htm. work. Teachers can go to the site and enter brief proposals for funding for class- **Striving Readers** and select the ones they wish to fund.

www.myscschools.com/ quality of literacy instruction across the strivingreaders.

South Carolina is pleased to announce its **DonorChooseresourceforteach**- interventions to improve the literacy skills

room initiatives and projects. In October, Striving Readers is a new US Department adolescent literacy skills. donors will be able to view the proposals of Education discretionary grant program. The program is focused on raising reading For more information about the

superintendent/grants/ curriculum in schools, providing intensive of struggling adolescent readers, and building a strong, scientific research base around reading strategies that improve

achievement among middle and high grant and how to apply, visit For more information, go to http:// school-aged students by enhancing the www.ed.gov/programs/

## SCRI K-5 Phase 2 Writes Using the Six Room Image

**Editor's Note:** This article page was con- A time to die... During the summer, this cohort participated in from earth back to heaven in only a mowriting. A culminating engagement for this sun continued to shine and the stars would cohort's participants was the creation of their still come out that night. Birds continued own six room image piece. Following the de- to sing and dogs continued to bark. Chilscription of the process, adapted from Georgia dren did not stop anticipating their im-Heard's work in Awakening the Heart, is Holly pending summer vacations and families Winter's writing. Holly is the Literacy Coach in carefully planned their finances to be able Lexington School District 4.

#### How to Write a Six Room Image

It all begins with a connection, an image, a memory. In the first room, make a list, jot down phrases or thoughts about the images you see in your memory. List any and everything that comes to mind. In the second room, explore the quality of light. Is it dark or sunny? Are there shadows playing? Is it early morning light, hazy, foggy? As you explore the third room, think through the season of life. sounds you hear. What noises are most apparent? Are there any background A time to work... sounds? In the fourth room, delve into She sat down the cup of coffee in front of rounding your memory? The fifth room is world was different. The sun continues to for questions. What questions come to shine and the stars will still come out that mind about your memory? These may even night. Birds continue to sing and dogs con- A time to teach... be questions without any answers. Before tinue to bark. Children did not stop buildyou enter the sixth room, take a moment ing sandcastles on the beach and families to scan the other five rooms. Read the still visited faraway relatives. The lady on images and thoughts in each of those the cell phone in the red car at the stoprooms. Is there any one phrase, image, or thought that you wrote that just keeps striking you, standing out to you, haunting you? The sixth room is for repeated words. Write those words, phrases, or images three times in the sixth room.

#### To Everything There is a Season...

A time to be born...

His soul traveled through time and space from heaven and met this world in only a moment. And her world was different. The sun continues to shine and the stars will still come out that night. Birds continued to sing and dogs continued to bark. Children did not stop playing in the summer heat and families went on laughing and enjoying their vacations. The lady on her cell phone in the red car outside the hospital room did not hang up. Doctors and to paperwork and patients, most of who were oblivious to his birth. But her world season of life.

to afford that special vacation. The lady on the cell phone in the red car speeding down the street outside her bedroom window did not stop. Doctors and nurses raced around the hospital, tending to paperwork and patients, most of who were oblivious to her death. But her world was different. She left this world a different person, full of peace, ready to live in eternal happiness and to watch and smile and visit upon us often. Ready to explore this

light continued on her way when the signal turned green. Employees raced around the restaurant, tending to their own customers, the meals, and the bills, oblivious to this cup of coffee. But her world was different. She walked away form the table a different person, full of humility and fully knowing what hard work felt like and what it means to give to others. Because of that cup of coffee, she was ready to serve, ready to give a smile, ready to make someone's day a little brighter. Ready to explore this season of life.

A time to play...

Heart beating madly and a glow on her face, she danced all night with her friends. And the world was different. The sun continued to shine and the stars would still come out that night. Birds continue to sing nurses raced around the hospital, tending and dogs continue to bark. Children still refuse to eat broccoli and families still have bills to pay. The lady on the cell phone in was different. He came into the world a the red car continues on her way. People new person, full of possibilities, ready to all around her, young and old, danced until learn and to grow and explore and change their feet hurt, smiles plastered across his world, her world. Ready to explore this their faces. But her world was different. She sat down with her friends to catch her

breath and she was a different person. She tributed by the SCRI K-5 Phase 2 Cohort. Her soul traveled through time and space knew how to have fun, bond in sisterhood, and enjoy life. Because she danced, she was an intensive study of the theory and practice of ment. And her world was different. The ready to cut loose sometimes, ready to show her softer side, ready to relax. Ready to explore this season of life.

A time to learn...

Surrounded by friends, she sits with pen in hand, ready for the new knowledge that will surely stretch her thinking. And the world was different. The sun continues to shine and the stars will still come out that night. Birds continue to sing and dogs continue to bark. Children do not stop singing their jump rope rhymes on the playground and families still coordinate soccer practice and dance recitals. The lady on the cell phone in the red car changing the CD in her stereo does not stop. Teachers still copy worksheets and read aloud amazing stories to their students. But her world would be different. She left that day a different person, standing on the shoulders of great authors, thinkers, and theorists, feelings. What were the emotions sur- the man sitting at the table alone. And the ready to change lives herself. Ready to explore this season of life.

Surrounded by friends, both tall and small, she stands with dry mouth and pounding heart, ready to lead, to inspire, to question, and to think. And the world was different. The sun continues to shine and the stars will still come out that night. Birds continue to sing and dogs continue to bark. Children still love school and this time look up at her with anticipation. Families still venture to the grocery store and to the movie rental store and this time they look at her with trust. The lady on the cell phone in the red car who fills her gas tank doesn't notice the world changing. Teachers still copy worksheets and read aloud amazing stories to their students and this time look at her as someone who helps them take risks and ask themselves the hard questions. She left that day a different person, ready to make a difference in the lives of teachers and children. Ready to explore this season of life.

The lady in the red car slowed to a stop. She opened the car door and stepped out onto the spinning-moving-turning-whilinghurrying-busy-living-breathing earth. And she began to notice. She saw the seasons of her own life and heard the world hum-

"To everything there is season..."

## For This Coach, Defeat Turns Into Success—Part 2

Editor's Note: This article was written by teachers and staff who would be available Can you come to my room? M.T. Pam Fagan, a literacy coach in SCRI-MG, during the students' class period. Phase I. The first part of the article, outlining some of Pam's frustrations in helping her own The students were allotted about 30 minchildren with independent reading, appeared utes the day before the "production" to Mrs. Temple's room, I wondered what in the August issue of Literacy Links. This arti- practice. They were excited with nervous new strategy her students had tried from cle can be found at <a href="http://">http://</a> anticipation. I walked around the school www.myscschools.com/offices/cso/ and started conversations with teachers ing meaning strategies; I was sure they english la/litlinks.htm

I returned to my middle school and an afternoon study group. The meeting was filled with discussion, modeling, and exploration of front-loading to enhance compre- During the students' rehearsal, the "Look at Markevious," she whispered. hension. Then, as the teachers left, I ap- teacher, Mrs. Temple told me about each proached two special education teachers child's disability and the reason each stuand described the successes of the children dent was given his or her specific role. whom I had seen in the video. Both teachers seemed so excited. I made plans to meet with them the next day.

that I thought these teachers could use in their social studies classes to cover standards and support Black History Month. I discussed with them the technique of Reader's Theatre and the importance of their students "practicing" looking at the words, not memorizing the text. I explained that their students should be able to approach this text eventually with the confidence of any other seventh or eighth grade student. They took the scripts and ran with the idea.

I visited periodically over the next week to see how the students were doing. There were small hurdles that had to be jumped: movement of students in and out of the class, parts having to be reassigned, and so on. The time had come for me to break it to the students that the next step was to share their knowledge of Dr. King and The students performed their roles on that Sojourner Truth. It was their duty to spread these words to those who had any New York stage actor. These students never heard them.

publishing software, and sent them to would have on these kids.

and staff about what these students had were doing something cool. planned for the following day and pleaded with them to attend the production. They The teacher met me outside, her finger all smiled and reassured me that these pressed against her lips, warning me to be "special" children would have an audience.

"Markevious is MLK. He is a non-reader, never seen him pick up a book on his own. I ran copies of Reader's Theatre scripts He's taken this role very seriously. Clay and James are my better readers, so I gave "I'm sorry. Sometimes you just can't get all them the roles of the crowd members. I knew they could work on using inflection. And there's Dahlia, she is so low, so quiet. She had to play Sojourner."

> Each child had a purpose. Each voice was special, unique. The special education teacher lead these students through this strategy in like any other teacher in our "regular" classes would have. Her expectations were so very high. I commented on how impressed I was with their reading. She let me know that just two weeks ago, these same students could not read from their social studies textbooks, but now, with practice, these students were reading text way too hard for them. Now, it did not seem to matter.

Friday afternoon with the seriousness of were sharing the history of these famous people. The teachers and administrators I borrowed music stands from the band applauded the students for their performteacher, stools from the science lab coor- ance, and we discussed how well each child dinator, and reserved the library for two performed. It was such a "nice" afternoon. periods. I printed invitations from my own Little did I know the impact this strategy I needed for my role as a Literacy Coach.

I looked back at the note and got up from my work. As I walked down the hall to our class. We had been discussing extend-

I glanced quietly around the room of working students. All of the students were busy writing answers in a PACT Social Studies workbook. All except Markevious. He had so I gave him the most to read. I have a paperback book in his hand. He was reading quietly.

> the students to respond to the strategies in the same way," I confessed.

> "No, Pam. It's a good thing. Markevious picked this book up this morning and began reading it. I've never known him to read ANY book, ever! Since the Reader's Theatre, he's been doing this, reading! Pam, Markevious is reading!" She exclaimed this with the pride of a parent whose toddler has taken his first step.

> I looked across the room again. Amazed at the progress this child had made, happy for the years of enjoyment he would now encounter, and thankful that even though I may not have made a difference in my own children's reading life, I had stimulated another's.

> My worth as a Literacy Coach became clear to me on that day. I would continue to go and find keys to the reading successes of the children with whom I would come into contact. What started as a personal crusade to support my own children's needs, eventually became the clarity

Books worth reading are worth re-reading.

Holbrook Jackson

## **More Opportunities From ETV**

#### **Teaching Multicultural Literature:** A Workshop for Middle Grades

This video workshop introduces middle school teachers to ethnically diverse Workshop 7: American writers and offers dynamic instructional strategies and resources to Alma Flor Ada, Pam Munoz Ryan, Paul Yee make works meaningful for students.

The video airs weekly via SCETV Digital October 31, 2005: 8:00 a.m. Satellite Channel 306. Ask your media specialist or DELC operator for assistance in recording these free professional development programs.

The website for this video workshop is http://www.learner.org/resources/ series203.html.

#### Workshop I:

#### **Engagement and Dialogue**

Julia Alvarez, James McBride, Lesnsey Namioka, and more

September 12, 2005: 8:00 a.m. September 12, 2005: 12:00 p.m. September 12, 2005: 4:00 p.m. September 19, 2005: 8:00 a.m.

### Workshop 2:

### **Engagement and Dialogue**

Juditz Ortiz Cofer and Nikki Grimes September 19, 2005: 12:00 p.m. September 19, 2005: 4:00 p.m. September 26, 2005: 8:00 a.m.

#### Workshop 3: **Research and Discovery**

Shirley Sterling and Laura Tohe September 26, 2005: 12:00 p.m. September 26, 2005: 4:00 p.m. Ocotber 3, 2005: 8:00 a.m.

## Workshop 4:

#### **Research and Discovery**

Edwidge Danticat, An Na, Laurence Yep October 3, 2005: 12:00 p.m.

October 3, 2005: 4:00 p.m. October 10, 2005: 8:00 a.m.

#### Workshop 5:

#### **Historical and Cultural Context**

Christopher Paul Curtis

October 10, 2005: 12:00 p.m. October 10, 2005: 4:00 p.m. October 17, 2005: 8:00 a.m.

#### Workshop 6:

#### **Historical and Cultural Context**

Langston Hughes and Christopher Moore October 17, 2005: 12:00 p.m.

October 17, 2005: 4:00 p.m. October 24, 2005: 8:00 a.m.

#### **Social Justice and Action**

October 24, 2005: 12:00 p.m. October 24, 2005: 4:00 p.m.

### Workshop 8:

### **Social Justice and Action**

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#### **ETV StreamlineSC**

from ETV StreamlineSC, South Carolina's their students. free video on demand resource. Note the additional opportunity for training at ETV on September 21, 2005.

View the update at http:// www.myetv.org/eduationa/ ously to broad relief organizastreamlinesc/newsletters/ tions. Choose your favorite from streamlinenews\_august.htm.

provides information relevant to South Carolina educators. Other updates are available via Discovery's monthly newslet- catid/68/cpid/310.htm. ter, found under the Teacher Center in StreamlineSC.

For more information about StreamlineSC, contact Stephanie Frazier at 803-737-3423.

## **NCTE Encourages** Help for Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Editor's Note: This message is from the National Council of Teachers of English President, Randy Bomer.

Dear English Teacher,

We're all deeply concerned about the consequences of Hurricane Katrina for the people in the Gulf region—especially our Please check out the monthly news update Professional colleagues and

Clearly, right now, all of us who can should donate generthís líst: http:// Please remember that this newsletter only www.charitywavigator.org/ index.cfm/bay/content.view/

> Sometime soon, our NCTE colleagues in the smitten area will be able to identify specific professional needs. The NCTE leadership is considering how this organization might help meet those needs when that time comes. We have several ideas, but I welcome your suggestions. Please respond to tact@ncte.org.

Yours truly, Randy Bomer President, NCTE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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- promoting the use of effective evidence-based instructional practices by schools and districts; and
- facilitating the implementation of programs, projects, grants, and activities that support standards-based instruction



## **State Department of Education Events**

## **September**

## 7 SC Association of Curriculum and Supervision Fall Conference, Columbia 8 Assistant Principals Roundtable, Columbia 14-16 SC Association of School Administrators Assistant Principals Fall Conference, Greenville

- 18 United States Constitution
  Day
  28 20 SC EdTEC Conference
- 28-30 SC EdTEC Conference, Myrtle Beach

## **October**

5-7	WIN Fall Writing
1	Conference, Greenville
6	SC International Education
	Summit, Columbia
8	SC Teachers for Early
	Language Learning
	Workshop, Columbia

### **November**

6-12 Patriotism Week



# Registration Form English Language Arts Standards Support Document Professional Development Sessions

This professional development is intended for any teacher or administrator or team of teachers and administrators to support the understanding and implementation of support documents related to the *South Carolina English Language Arts Curriculum Standards* 2002.

Instructions: To register for these sessions, please complete this form and mail it to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731 or e-mail it to jredman@comporium.net. Please indicate two session(s) your team will attend by placing and X in the column beside the date(s) of the session(s). You should register your team for one session in the fall and one in the spring. The fall and spring sessions will be different. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the team contact person. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider your team registered. Directions to the session locations will be posted to the State Department of Education website. If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at <a href="mailto:iredman@comporium.net">iredman@comporium.net</a>. If you have any questions concerning the sessions, contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or <a href="mailto:cjones@sde.state.sc.us">cjones@sde.state.sc.us</a>. ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN COLUMBIA FROM 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Please indicate with an "X", beside the SESSION column, the session(s) you wish to attend.

Session	Х	Session Date	Registration Deadline	Location		
Fall 1		CANCELLED				
Fall 2		November 17, 2005	November 1, 2005	TBA		
Fall 3		December 7, 2005	November 18, 2005	Clarion Town House Hotel		
Spring 1		January 25, 2006	January 9, 2006	Seawell's		
Spring 2		February 6, 2006	January 20, 2006	TBA		
Spring 3		March 14, 2006	February 27, 2006	TBA		

Please provide the following information for the contact person for your school. It will be the contact person's responsibility to communicate session details to the other team members.

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# Registration Form 2005-06 English Language Arts Best Practice Seminars

A series of seminars highlighting best practices in the area of English language arts will be offered during the 2005-2006 school year to South Carolina K-12 educators by the English Language Arts Team in the Office of Curriculum and Standards at the State Department of Education and the South Carolina Council of the International Reading Association (SCIRA). A schedule of the sessions, dates, audiences, and locations is included with this registration form.

Please check the registration chart for the location of each session, as the locations vary. Each session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

**Instructions:** To register for any of these seminars, please complete the form on the next page and mail it and a *check made payable to SCIRA for \$50.00 for each session for which you are registering* to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731. Payment is due with registration. No purchase orders will be accepted. Participation will be on a first-come with check, first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to registrants. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider yourself registered. Directions to the session location will be posted to the State Department of Education website at www.myscschools.com.

If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at <a href="mailto:iredman@comporium.net">iredman@comporium.net</a>. or fax at 803-329-1952. If you have any questions concerning the seminar, contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

# **Registration Form**

## 2005-06 English Language Arts Best Practice Seminars

Please indicate with an "X," the session(s) you wish to attend.

Χ	Session	Date/Presenter	Registration Deadline	Location
	1	September 23, 2005 Cathy Toll	September 9, 2005	Embassy Suites
	1A	October 11, 2005 Patrick Allen	September 28, 2005	Columbia Conference Center
	2	October 20, 2005 Cris Tovani	September 30, 2005	Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
	3	November 1, 2005 Frank Baker	October 18, 2005	Embassy Suites
	4	November 4, 2005 Frank Baker	October 21, 2005	Leaside
	5	December 8, 2005 Nancy Akhavan	November 24, 2005	TBA
	6	January 12, 2006 Ellin Keene	December 20, 2005	Columbia Conference Center
	6A	January 30, 2006 Mike Ford	January 16, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	7	February 2, 2006 Barry Lane	January 19, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	7A	February 14, 2006 Bruce Morgan	January 30, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	8	March 2, 2006 Chryse Hutchins	February 16, 2006	Seawell's
	9	March 6, 2006 Jim Trelease	February 20, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	10	March 20, 2006 Lester Laminack	March 6, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	11	March 21, 2006 Lester Laminack	March 7, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	12	April 4, 2006 Barbara King-Shaver	March 21, 2006	Columbia Conference Center

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# Registration Form Framing Best Practice: English 1 Curriculum and Instruction

## Four English I Curriculum Resource Follow Up Days

This professional development is for English 1 teachers and school and district curriculum leaders who attended one of the initial English 1 two-day sessions.

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	November 21, 2005 Humor Module	November 11, 2005	Columbia Conference Center
	January 17, 2006 Revisit Modules	January 6, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	March 3, 2006 Revisit Modules	February 17, 2006	Columbia Conference Center
	April 18, 2006 Revisit Modules	April 7, 2006	Columbia Conference Center

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